

## OPINION 1496

*Simulia ferruginea* Wahlberg, 1844 (currently *Helodon ferrugineus*; Insecta, Diptera): given precedence over *Simulia rufa* Meigen, 1838 and *Simulia borealis* Zetterstedt, 1842

### Ruling

(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *ferruginea* Wahlberg, 1844, as published in the binomen *Simulia ferruginea*, is hereby given precedence over the specific names *rufa* Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen *Simulia rufa*, and *borealis* Zetterstedt, 1842, as published in the binomen *Simulia borealis*, whenever these names are considered synonyms of *ferruginea*.

(2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:

(a) *ferruginea* Wahlberg, 1844, as published in the binomen *Simulia ferruginea*, with an endorsement that it is to be given precedence over *rufa* Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen *Simulia rufa*, and *borealis* Zetterstedt, 1842, as published in the binomen *Simulia borealis*, whenever these names are considered synonyms of *ferruginea*;

(b) *rufa* Meigen, 1838, as published in the binomen *Simulia rufa*, with an endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *ferruginea* Wahlberg, 1844, as published in the binomen *Simulia ferruginea*, whenever the two names are considered synonyms;

(c) *borealis* Zetterstedt, 1842, as published in the binomen *Simulia borealis*, with an endorsement that it is not to be given priority over *ferruginea* Wahlberg, 1844, as published in the binomen *Simulia ferruginea*, whenever the two names are considered synonyms.

### History of Case 2394

An application for *Simulia ferruginea* Wahlberg, 1844 to be given precedence over two senior subjective synonyms was received from Prof Dr I. A. Rubtsov (*Zoological Institute, Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R., Leningrad*) on 19 October 1981. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 43: 352–354 (December 1986). Notice of the case was given to nine general and nine specialist serials. In an unpublished comment, Dr J. E. Raastad (*University of Oslo, Norway*) supported the importance of conserving the name *Helodon ferrugineus* (Wahlberg, 1844). He further pointed out there is no certainty that this species and *Simulia rufa*, Meigen, 1838 are the same.

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1987 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 43: 352–353. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1988 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 18: Alvarado, Bayer, Cocks, Cogger, Corliss, Hahn, Halvorsen, Kabata, Kraus, Melville, Mroczkowski, Savage, Schuster, Starobogatov, Thompson, Trjapitzin, Uéno, Willink

Negative votes — 5: Dupuis, Heppell, Holthuis, Lehtinen and Ride.

No votes were returned by Bernardi and Gruchy.

Voting against the application, Ride said that it would have been better to suppress the names *rufa* Meigen and *borealis* Zetterstedt, rather than merely giving *ferruginea* precedence over them.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*borealis*, *Simulia*, Zetterstedt, 1842, *Arsberättelse om Botaniska Arbeten och Upptäckter för år 1838*, p. 515.

*ferruginea*, *Simulia*, Wahlberg, 1844, *Öfversigt af Kongl. Vetenskaps-Akademiens Förhandlingar*, vol. 1, p. 110.

*rufa*, *Simulia*, Meigen, 1838, *Systematische Beschreibung der bekannten Europäischen zweiflügeligen Insecten*, vol. 7, p. 54.